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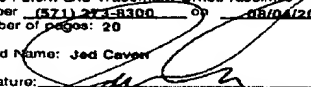
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 27, 2005**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed June 27,  
2005.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

No Amendments to the drawings are made herein.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

5 No amendments to the specification are made herein.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 31-33 and 35, and amend the claims of the present application as set forth below.

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1. (Original) A virtual storage system for linking a host to one or more storage devices over a network, the system comprising:

an agent connected to the host, the agent having volatile memory for storing a first copy of a table, the table having entries to map virtual disk

15 positions to locations on the storage devices; and

a controller coupled to the agent, the controller having non-volatile memory for storing a second copy of the table, the controller intermittently causing contents of the first copy of the table to be replaced by contents of the second copy of the table,

20 whereby during an input/output (I/O) operation, the host accesses one of the entries in the table stored on the agent to determine one of the storage device locations.